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## Merry Christmas!

### JEFF McCARN TO BRING FORMER ASSISTANT HERE

J. W. Thompson of Nashville to Be Aid to New U. S. District Attorney in Hawaii

Former Office Assistant Anxious to Journey to Honolulu and Accept Office

J. W. Thompson, Jeff McCarn's assistant when the latter was attorney-general back in Tennessee, probably will come to Hawaii as assistant United States district attorney. McCarn announced today that he probably will appoint the Nashville man within the next few days.

Having no applications for the position from local attorneys and not being qualified by personal acquaintance and knowledge of the personnel of the Hawaiian bar, I hardly deem it wise to attempt a selection of an assistant from among the ranks here," said the district attorney. "Thompson wants to come to the islands, so I feel certain he will accept the appointment."

McCarn states that the Tennessee man is well equipped in learning and experience for the place. He is described as a man of nearly middle age, married and without children. C. C. Dillingham, the present assistant district attorney, is anxious to be relieved of his duties but likely will remain in the office until his successor arrives.

### MALIHINI TREE IN PLACE FOR FESTIVITIES

The Malihini tree, the capitol grounds tomorrow. And in less than 24 hours it will appear transfigured, a different and a beautiful tree, with the bright colors of Christmas on it and a few hundred expectant little children around it, singing and waiting and being very happy. At 10 o'clock tomorrow the fun will commence.

For tomorrow is Christmas! Tonight the carolling of the singers in all parts of the city will herald the affair of tomorrow when something like 1750 little people assemble around the Malihini Christmas tree to get their presents and to be happy together.

Busy hands were at work this morning arranging the packages, one of which will be given to each little person with a ticket who comes. The girls will receive a doll, a handkerchief, a bottle of perfume, a hair ribbon, a fancy writing tablet and lead pencil, half pound of candy, an orange, box of cookies, bag of peanuts and ball of popcorn.

And the boys are equally fortunate in being provided for. The boys will each get a jack knife, a baseball and horn, a fancy writing tablet, and lead pencil, half-pound of candy, an orange, box of cookies, bag of peanuts and ball of popcorn.

The Malihini tree will be put on the front steps of the executive building, and Judge Dole will again be introduced as the genial Santa Claus. Herr Jergler and the band will be on hand to play, and several hundred boys.

### NOVELTY GOLF FOR CHRISTMAS MORNING

There will be a novelty sweep-stake golf tournament at the Country Club Christmas morning, and it is expected that the full golfing strength of the club will turn out. The event will be of the "tombstone" variety, which has proved so popular in the past. Play will start at 10 o'clock.

### MEMORIALS

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### HILLO-R. R. CO. NAMES OFFICERS TO ACT FOR 1914

President's Report Satisfactory and Banner Year Is Expected for Corporation

Officers and directors of the Hilo Railroad Company were elected late yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the stockholders. The same officers and directors who have served during the last period were re-elected, after their reports which were declared to be highly satisfactory considering that this is the first year for the completion of the line, had been heard.

The following are the officers: B. Dillingham, president; L. A. Thompson, vice president and general manager; A. W. Van Valkenburg, secretary; W. F. Dillingham, treasurer; L. M. Paxton, auditor; A. W. T. Bottomley, assistant auditor; R. W. Miller, superintendent; H. M. Leonard, cashier; W. H. Hussman, general freight agent.

The directors are B. F. Dillingham, L. A. Thompson, A. W. Van Valkenburg, H. M. von Holt, Elmer E. Paxton, W. F. Dillingham, H. G. Dillingham, F. Klump and E. H. Wedderburn. After summing up the condition of the road and the year which has passed over it, the president, in his report as president, concludes with these words:

"A careful estimate of the gross earnings, operating expenses and fixed charges for the fiscal year just ended shows that the company will be able to pay from its earnings all operating expenses."

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### YOUNG ESTATE BUYS VALUABLE CORNER LOT

Through the Henry Waterhouse Trust Company, Ltd., the property at Alaska and Hotel streets has been sold by Mrs. George C. Beckley to the Alexander Young estate, Ltd. It contains 7903 square feet and is occupied by George C. Beckley as a public garage under the name of the Honolulu Automobile Company.

For the present the price is confidential, but it may be mentioned that in February last \$22,000 was loaned on the property, which in 1909 was bought by the late George C. Beckley, Sr. for \$15,000.

"There is no definite plan at present with regard to the use the Young estate will make of the property," said Arch. A. Young when questioned on the matter this morning. "The purchase is rather by way of rounding up our holdings in that quarter, as we own land close by the Beckley premises just acquired—such as the Central House lot on Alaska street, the Bolte premises on Hotel street and the Nakulua place makai."

Mr. Young said that the Beckley garage would probably remain as it is for the present.

### CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR PRISONERS MAY BE TRIFLE DELAYED

Though the gifts may be delayed slightly by the late arrival of the steamer Mongolia, bearing Acting Governor Mett-Smith, that official undoubtedly will dispense several Christmas "packages" among the inmates of Oahu prison. The gifts will be paroles, commutations and pardons and may be thirty-one in number. This is more than ever before passed out by the territorial executive at Christmas-time, and it is barely possible that some of them may not be acted upon.

That number of recommendations have been prepared for Mett-Smith's perusal, however, and the official pronouncements have been written and stamped, awaiting only his approving signature. The list consists of 21 paroles, 4 commutations and 6 full pardons.

Trial marriages are better than modern marriages among the natives of Alaska, according to Revenue Commander Ballinger, the reason being that the natives do not realize the significance of the white man's marriage and are constantly breaking laws unwittingly.

### LOUISIANA SEES QUICK DISASTER IN FREE SUGAR

Cane-growers Already Selling Plants and Machinery Is Being Moved to Honduras

WORK TO REPEAL CLAUSE GOES DETERMINEDLY ON

Campaign of Education Directed to Administration Officials and Congressmen

By C. S. ALBERT  
(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—The propaganda to obtain a repeal of the free sugar provision in the existing tariff act, before the date for its effectiveness is reached, goes merrily forward. Editorials, interviews, statements of fact and all other readable matter are segregated and sent broadcast to officials, members of congress and public men generally.

Meantime stories of privation and disaster daily reach here from Louisiana. The cane growers there are selling their plants for whatever is obtainable and the machinery is being moved to Honduras. The point of utmost soreness to friends of sugar is that the outgoing machinery is being utilized to demonstrate that the exports from the United States are materially increasing.

A sample of the literature being circulated by the anti-free sugar crusade.

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### CALDWELL WILL REDUCE EXPENSE AROUND CAPITOL

Supt. J. W. Caldwell is seriously considering a plan of retrenchment in territorial expenses which, if adopted, will result in the dismissal or transfer to other employment of about half a dozen men who at present are engaged in caring for the capitol grounds.

His scheme, if installed, he says will enable one, or possibly two men to do the work which six to eight men are doing now. Whether it will be adopted depends chiefly on the amount of money available in the fund set aside for the maintenance of the capitol and grounds, for the new system will require an immediate outlay of about \$1500. After it is placed the expense will be little more than the hire of the one or two men.

The new plan, which has been placed before him by E. O. Hall & Son, proposes an underground system of sprinkling. Pipes would be laid throughout the grounds, with sprinklers just at the ground surface, close enough that when they are turned on the entire grounds will receive the water at one and the same time, every foot of turf getting an amount of moisture equal to that of every other. By this system it is claimed one man could sprinkle the entire ground and then have ample time to "loaf on the job."

The scheme also includes a horse-power lawnmower, which the business firm claims will cover the entire grounds in one or two days, taking up dead leaves, stray pieces of paper and other small debris as well as cutting and gathering up the grass. The entire plan is said to be in vogue now at one of the large parks in Los Angeles and giving satisfaction.

### DEMOCRATS TO MEET ON PINKHAM RECEPTION

Announcement was made this morning of a special meeting of the Democratic county committee on Saturday night at Bourbon headquarters, Wai'alea building, at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of discussing the welcome to be extended by the party to Governor Pinkham. The announcement asks all members of the party who are interested in the plans to be present.

Richmond Pearson Hobson in a vitriolic attack on the liquor interests, delivered before Congress, assailed Leader Underwood for interruption. The galleries, filled with anti-saloon adherents, cheered Hobson.



### GLADSOME DAY WILL BE WELCOMED WITH BURST OF SONG IN HONOLULU

When Charles Dickens, whose Yuletide stories have been read and read by the multitude, penned his famous "Christmas Carol," and, in closing, quoted Tiny Tim as saying "God bless us every one," he little knew that the phrase which he had selected as an appropriate ending to his work would become, at that time of the year when the day of the birth of the Redeemer is being celebrated throughout the civilized world, the watchword in a land where, blessed by eternal summer, thousands of people of every nationality, color and creed, live together in perfect harmony and share the joys—or the sorrows—which providence sees fit to bestow upon them.

With Christmas but a day away, the demonstration of the meaning of that phrase, "God bless us every one," is afloat in Hawaii. It has permeated the very air, and everything one sees is alive with the spirit of it—the spirit of rejoicing and the spirit of giving. All Honolulu has turned to in the effort to recognize the day of all days in a fitting manner and to night every district of the city will burst forth into songs of praise through the medium of bands of carolers who will hold forth until the early morning hours, going from place to place in the effort to tender to Christmas a welcome such as never has been attempted before. This quaint and beautiful custom, which had its origin in England and which is now observed all over the Christianized world, will be well carried out in Honolulu and all persons have been invited to participate in making the undertaking a success.

Miss Mary Winnie, who is one of the leaders in the carol-singing movement, has announced that the plans are completed and that everything is in readiness to inaugurate the carolling at 7 o'clock. The city has been mapped out into several "centers" and at each center a band of songsters will meet, and, following a short program there, will tour the immediate neighborhood. The Kalihua-waena school has been chosen as the center of the Kalihua district, where an attractively decorated Christmas tree will serve to gladden the hearts of the children—and

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### JUAREZ HEARS THAT REBELS HAVE RETAKEN TORREON AFTER HEAVY FIGHTING AND LOSSES

Rebel General, Wounded, Wires That Federals Are Demoralized, but Verification Is Impossible to Obtain — Huerta Losing Ground Fast in Northern Mexico

(Associated Press Cable)  
JUAREZ, Mex., Dec. 24.—It is reported here that the rebel forces have retaken Torreon, one of the principal northern cities, after heavy fighting and a severe loss for both sides. Twelve thousand men are said to have been engaged.  
Huerta, the rebel general, has been wounded and has wired that the federals are demoralized, but verification of the report is impossible to obtain now.

### Crime Wave On Coast; May Be Due To Unemployed Army

(Associated Press Cable)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 24.—The local police admit that the "crime wave" has grown to serious proportions and constitutes a menace to life and property here.  
Thirty-two burglaries were reported yesterday. It is believed that much of the present wave of crime up and down the coast is due to the presence of great numbers of unemployed men in the principal cities.  
There are 20,000 unemployed in this city, 35,000 in Los Angeles and a great many others in Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Vancouver and other cities. The total number of idle men on the Coast is now said to be no less than 100,000.

### Man Robbed, Put On Tracks

(Associated Press Cable)  
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—A highwayman last night robbed and stunned Joseph Boswick and after obtaining for his work the sum of one dollar placed the body of his stolen victim across a railroad track, passing train out on both the main legs. He was dying when found, but no hope is held out for him.

### Dr. Clark and Others Say Train-Bandit Is Captured

(Associated Press Cable)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 24.—Dr. A. B. Clark, the Honolulu dentist who was one of the victims of a train robbery near here some weeks ago, together with Rev. and Mrs. Gullik of Honolulu, today positively identified John Boswick as the bandit who robbed them. Boswick was caught through the cleverness of Mrs. Arthur Cohen, one of his victims, who saw him in the crowd. Others have also positively identified the man.

### McAdoo Is Acting President

(Associated Press Cable)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—Secretary of the Treasury W. G. McAdoo will be acting president of the United States tomorrow, the absence of President Wilson and Vice-president Marshall promoting him to the office temporarily.

### MONGOLIA TO BE OFF PORT TONIGHT —PASSENGERS MAY COME ASHORE

One hundred and thirty-nine cabin China and the Philippines, and 22 second class passengers for Alaska. A later mail amounting to 250 passengers is aboard the vessel for Honolulu.

The Mongolia will be berthed at the Pacific Mail pier tonight, given an opportunity of stopping Alaska wharf during the stay in port, ashore at Honolulu in ample time to partake of the Christmas eve festivities at the Paradise of the Pacific, following an interchange of wireless messages between Captain Emory Rice, master of the vessel, and H. H. Hackfeld & Co., the agents. The vessel will be off port at 7:30 o'clock to night.

The Mongolia was reported as delayed to considerable extent, because of rough weather. Messages which came into the local agency last night and this morning were in effect that an effort was being made to make up some of the lost time.

While the Mongolia will not be brought into the harbor, it was stated this afternoon that the first-class passengers might be allowed to come into the city in launches. The policy of the Pacific Mail (that no vessel) in their trans-Pacific fleet enter a port after sunset will be followed to the letter.

Dr. William C. Hobdy, who has been identified with the United States quarantine and public health service, is a passenger in the Mongolia. The agents were today advised that Dr. Hobdy, with the consent of the federal officials, would pass upon passengers, officers and crew, and that when the Mongolia reached the quarantine, there would be no delay because of the regulation inspection.

The Mongolia will arrive here with about one thousand persons on board, including the ship's staff of officers and men.  
Forty tons of general cargo is to be discharged, and about four hundred tons of coal will be placed aboard before the steamer proceeds to Japan, Korea and Japan.